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Col. Charles Webb and wife Gloria honored at Coffee County Commission meeting

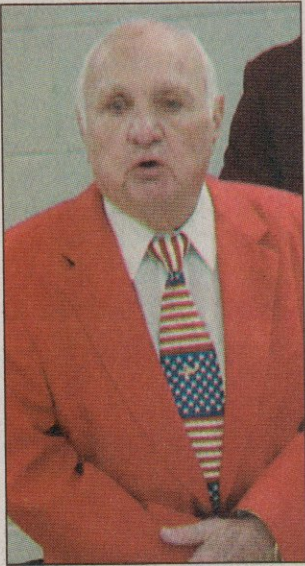
by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission meeting Monday, Dec. 9, revolved mostly around special recognitions for Colonel Charles Webb (Ret.) and his wife Gloria Webb.

The recognitions were led by the Coffee County Emergency Communications Board and the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency.

Webb was first appointed Coffee County EMA director in December 1990, and he and wife Gloria were the founders of the Coffee County Emergency Communications Board where they served until July 2019 when they officially retired.

"Mr. Webb has a very long and distinguished military career spanning from 1956 until 1987 as an air ambulance pilot who flew



Col. Charles Webb thanks Coffee County officials for their support of him during his years of service to the county.

missions in Vietnam and Korea," said current Coffee County E911 board chairman Dean Blair.

After retirement from the Army, Webb served in administration at Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan until July 1990.

While serving as Coffee County's EMA director, Blair said Webb took on 911 responsibilities as an additional assignment. The 911 system in Coffee County went live in 1999 with Webb as its founder. He and his wife served on the Coffee County 911 Board until July 2019.

"Col. Webb worked tirelessly to establish a new 911 addressing system throughout Coffee County, and in the early start up, he insured fees were being properly collected and managed correctly," Blair said. "His wife worked along beside him serving as bookkeeper and board member the entire time."

Blair said neither of them ever asked for or received a salary from the Coffee County Emergency Communications Board throughout all the years of their dedicated service.

"They are true pioneers and dedicated individuals who make the Coffee County Emergency Communications Board what it is today," Blair said. "They

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Gloria Webb shows off the plaque she was presented Monday morning, Dec. 9, thanking her for her many dedicated years to Coffee County's E911 system. The award was presented by the 911 Communications Board and Coffee County EMA. Also pictured is (from left) Charles Webb, James Brown, Marvin McLwain and Dean Blair.

Coffee County Sheriff asks citizens to "Back the Blue"

Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton asked citizens Monday morning, Dec. 9, during the Coffee County Commission meeting to "Back the Blue" by supporting all First Responders, Law Enforcement Officers, and Military.

Sutton said so many law enforcement lives have been lost this year that it seems like "open season" on them. He asked citizens to please support these public servants and to keep them in their daily prayers.

Elba City Council receives progress reports for several ongoing projects

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council met Monday evening, Dec. 9, for its regular meeting, and the council received updates on several ongoing projects during the meeting.

Assistant city clerk Pat Boothe noted the downtown revitalization project is well underway with the painting and cleaning of storefronts on the square completed. She said installation of storefront awnings for this project should begin Dec. 16th, and completion of that would move quickly.

Boothe said the paving of the parking lot at Hawkins-Williams Park was basically completed. She said the paving and striping had been done, but there was still some work left to complete on handicap parking before that was fully completed.

Boothe said paving on Champ McCollough Drive, Caroline Street and the Old Samson Road was set to begin next week.

The final project Boothe discussed with council members was the lights across the streets on the square in downtown. She said this had been an ongoing problem with the light bulbs going out on the strands of lights, and it had been determined the problem was the dimmer switches that had been applied to these lights.

Boothe said the dimmers had been determined to be the wrong kind for the lighting, and that was causing the problems. She said the lights had been turned off for now while the city gets

Elba Council appoints Diana White to Elba Public Library Board

In a second of two meetings held Monday evening, Dec. 9, by the Elba City Council, an appointment to the Elba Public Library board was made.

The second meeting was held place of the council meeting originally scheduled for Monday, Dec. 23rd. The council chose to hold both required monthly meetings Monday night due to the upcoming Christmas holidays.

The only matter discussed and approved in meeting two was the library board appointment. Mayor Mickey Murdock said that library director Jennifer Amlong had recommended Diana White to fill the open spot on the board.

The mayor said White frequents the library often with her two young children, and Amlong has identified her as a good fit for the board.

Council members voted unanimously to approve the appointment of White to the Elba Public Library Board.

Prior to adjourning this meeting, the mayor and council wished all citizens a safe and merry Christmas, as well as a happy New Year.

the proper dimmers to install and the out bulbs are replaced.

Elba Police Chief Leslie Hussey reported routine business for his department. He did tell council members that Phase I of implementing the new CAD System was about to begin. He said there are three phases all to-

gether and training before that system would be turned completely over the Elba dispatch for operation.

Hussey said the goal is for the new CAD System to be up and operational and turned over to Elba by mid-

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Wreaths Across America event set for Saturday in Elba

The City of Elba joins those across the nation this Saturday, Dec. 14, in honoring deceased service men and women with the Wreaths Across America service.

This is the fifth annual Wreaths Across America service, and the ceremony in Elba will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Evergreen Cemetery. During the ceremony, Elba Mayor Mickey Murdock will present a proclamation for the City recognizing its support

of this program.

A ceremony also will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the City Cemetery in Enterprise, Ala.

The theme for the Wreaths Across America event this year will be Veteran Suicide Awareness, and that will be addressed by John Logsdon of the Military Support Group.

After the ceremony and placing of the wreaths in Enterprise, there will be the ringing of bells 22 times at 12 noon for the 200th Anni-

versary of Alabama becoming the 22nd State. All bells are welcome, including historic bells, school bells, church bells, fire house bells, city hall bells, people gathered in their local park ringing bells, store owners ringing bells on the sidewalk and even individuals standing in front of their houses ringing a small bell.

Elba, New Brockton, and all area churches also are encouraged to ring their bells at noon. Events are co-sponsored by the Coffee County Veterans, Enterprise Civitan Club, Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, and American Legion Posts in Elba and Enterprise.

State Parole Board announced parole hearing this week for an inmate serving time for several Coffee County crimes

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Raymond Andrew Bivins is in state prison and had a parole hearing set for Wednesday [Dec. 11th] of this week.

A news release from the parole board listed at least some, if not all of his criminal career that has spanned nearly 30 years and four Alabama counties, including convictions for five burglaries in Coffee County and again for receiving stolen property and again later for possession of burglar's tools. His records show con-

victions for Violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act and another theft charge, all in Coffee County for total sentences of over 29 years. That is just from the Coffee County cases.

Bivins also has been convicted in Tuscaloosa County, Houston County and Monroe County for various crimes at various times over his career.

None of his convictions were for violent crimes, but his repeat offenses will probably work against him on Wednesday of this week.

Area Happenings

COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING will be held Monday, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m., at 214 Factory Ave N, Elba, Ala.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Tuesday, Dec. 24, and Wednesday, Dec. 25, in observance of the Christmas holiday. The offices also will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1, in observance of New Year's Day. There will be standby crews available to assist with any utility emergencies. For any utility emergency, report it to the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555 during this time. The garbage truck will run the normal schedule.



FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR...Elba firefighter Josh Mack (right) was named the department's firefighter of the year during an awards ceremony held Monday night, Dec. 9, at the Elba Fire Department. The award was presented to Mack by Elba Fire Chief Drew Parker (left), and he thanked Mack for his dedicated service to the department and Elba's citizens. See more awards on Page 10.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency says it is opening five additional driver license offices for Saturday service beginning immediately. The agency folks say offices in Dothan, Jacksonville, Montgomery, Sheffield and Tuscaloosa will begin opening from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturdays. That is in addition to five others around the state that are already opening on Saturdays. This should help citizens who have work hours that don't allow visits to the license office on the 9 until 5 Monday/Friday plans for taking driving and road-knowledge tests, renew existing licenses, and transfer out-of-state licenses to Alabama. Drivers can also obtain the new STAR IDs at these sites.

The University of Alabama is one of several recently funded (\$2.5 million) in a study dealing with overweight and/or obese Americans. This is two-thirds of American citizens according to their numbers! What researchers are doing is attaching a special tiny camera to a pair of glasses. It pictures what a person is about to eat and how fast it is eaten. The theory is that both are related to those extra pounds. Their hope is this will make us food lovers think about what we are doing to our bodies as we wolf down those delicious fat producing "like Mama cooked" meals. The information is transmitted over the person's cell phone and "if necessary" a message sent back with recommended changes in eating habits. Now that is Big Brother in action if you ever saw it. However, we accept the fact that excess eating and/or weight can be dangerous for our health and this study may prove the cameras save lives.

The school board in Houston County has a tiger by the tail. The reports are that a student opened a teacher's cell phone and found e-mails back and forth with other teachers containing very negative comments about several students. A group of parents are demanding all the teachers involved be fired. Right now those teachers are on administrative leave. That means they are still on the payroll while board members await a recommendation from the superintendent on how to move forward with this issue. A decision may be announced by the time you are reading these unsolicited comments.

We are relieved that we are not one of the teachers, the superintendent nor one of the board members on this cell phone matter. Frankly we could argue for or against several different angles on this issue. First, if those teachers had to make those comments, they should have conducted them in person and in private. It is amazing how many times folks get embarrassed over some dumb comment or very private picture on their cell phone or e-mail. Second, there is a question about the legality of a student, or anyone, opening those messages, copying and sharing them with others. Third, though in very poor and unprofessional taste, they may not have broken a law or school regulations. Our laws are far from up to date with today's technology. If they broke no law or school regulations, then firing them would only bring on expensive lawsuits from the fired teachers. Community emotions are so high over this issue that not firing them will escalate the uproar from area citizens. No win for anyone involved.

Local bank offers tips to avoid financial frostbite this holiday

Consumers spent more than \$700 billion on holiday shopping in 2018. With this year's holiday shopping season launching in full force, Troy Bank & Trust is highlighting five tips to help consumers keep their holiday spending under control. "There are so many people to shop for during the holidays, and big sales can make it easy to over-extend your finances in the hustle and bustle of the season," said Dianna Lee, marketing & public relations officer of Troy Bank & Trust. "It's essential to map out a holiday spending plan to avoid a financial frostbite in the New Year."

Below are five habits Americans should consider to help relieve the financial

stress of the holidays:

• Create a budget and stick to it.

Set a dollar amount based on what you can afford this holiday season. Avoid shopping sprees and impulse purchases.

Be sure to include a cushion for additional expenses beyond gifts, like decorations, wrapping paper, greeting cards and postage.

Keep in mind the end of the year is a time when large annual or semi-annual costs like car insurance, life insurance and property taxes arise.

• Make a "nice" list.

Jot down a list of everyone you plan to give gifts to this year and denote how much you can spend on each person.

Consider making homemade presents, like photos for grandparents or cookies for your kids' teachers.

This list is also good place to factor in the total amount you plan to donate to charities and how much each charity will receive.

• Shop early (and shop around).

Avoid putting a major strain on your wallet and your sanity by taking advantage of other big holiday sales that happen earlier in the year. This also gives you more time to compare prices and identify the best deals.

As a bonus, you also get to avoid holiday shopping crowds.

• Save your receipts and monitor your account.

Keep track of your expenses and add them up weekly to be sure you're sticking to your budget.

You can also use online and mobile banking features to easily monitor your accounts and pay your bills.

Be sure to keep receipts or acknowledgement letters for any charitable donations you have made if you want to receive tax deductions in the spring.

• Plan ahead for next year.

Review how much you spent in this past year and start a dedicated fund for next year's holiday season. Setting money aside throughout the year will make budgeting for gifts and other holiday expenses easier.

U.S. Representative Martha Roby celebrates 200 years of Alabama

Guest Editorial from
Rep. Martha Roby

ALABAMA 200 BICENTENNIAL

For many, December 14 will be just another day to cross off the calendar; it's another day closer to the holidays and the new year.

For Alabamians, it marks one of the greatest celebrations to date in the history of our state. On December 14, 1819, Alabama was incorporated into the Union as the nation's twenty-second state. From North Alabama all the way down to the Wiregrass, Alabamians join together to commemorate the 200th anniversary of statehood to honor the beloved place we call home.

There are many incredible stories to be told about the historical impact made by our fellow Alabamians. The state has deep roots in our nation's history.

Many Alabama natives, some temporary and some permanent, were involved in critical turning points in American history. Alabama emerged as the center of the American Civil Rights Movement half a century ago and was

home to pivotal events such as the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

Ms. Rosa Parks, a civil rights activist and Montgomery native, is widely known as the "first lady of civil rights."

Montgomery leaders recently unveiled a statue in downtown Montgomery recognizing Rosa Parks for her bravery and to serve as a reminder for future generations to continue down a path of righteousness. Ms. Parks' actions changed the course of history, and her legacy will be remembered forever.

Atlanta native Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., served as a pastor at Montgomery's Dexter Avenue Baptist Church and led the fight for equal rights. Parks and Dr.

King represent faces of courage, strength, and equality for all. History changed right on our very own Alabama soil.

Not only is our state widely known for central moments in history, but we are also globally recognized for our presence in industries that are vital components to the success of our country. The agriculture industry is the state's largest industry and is the largest employer in the Second Congressional District.

Our state is home to thousands of acres of fertile farmland. Approximately half of the peanuts grown in the United States are cultivated within a 100-mile radius of the city of Dothan, also known as the "Peanut Capital of the World."

Additionally, Alabama plays an integral role in the aerospace and defense industries with these two industries contributing to over 60,000 jobs in the

state. North Alabama is home to NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, Redstone Arsenal, and the Anniston Army Depot, while Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base and Fort Rucker are located across the southern region of the state.

These are just a few examples of the incredible, rich history that our state has to offer, and I wish I could include them all.

One initiative that does honor each of these milestones is ALABAMA 200 which was designed to celebrate the people, places, and history of the state over a three-year time span. Beginning in 2017 and culminating with the state's 200th birthday in 2019, ALABAMA 200 curated events and activities across all 67 counties to engage with Alabamians far and wide.

Teachers, students, organizations, and local leaders are among those included in these exciting events bringing local community residents and even visitors together.

On Saturday, December 14, the state will participate in a finale commemoration in the Capital City. It will be the largest birthday celebration the people of Alabama have seen, and it is a unique and special opportunity to gather and honor the history and people that make the state of Alabama great.

I am extremely excited to join the people of Alabama to celebrate our state's history. If you are able, I highly encourage you and your family to attend the events of the ALABAMA 200 finale celebration. There is no better way to pay tribute to the state we each hold so close to our hearts than by gathering in the Capital City to praise our great state.

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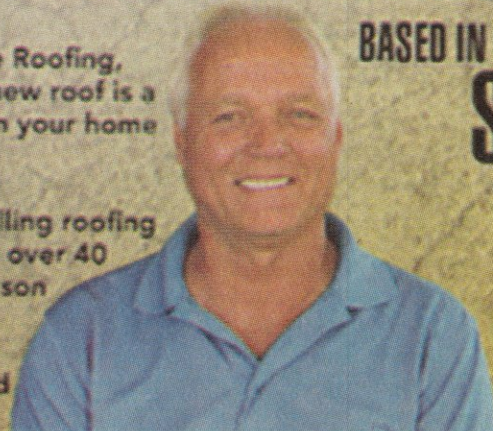
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Obituaries

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DANNY LEE HUDSON

Mr. Danny Lee Hudson, age 60, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Graveside services were held Dec. 8, 2019 at Hudson Cemetery with Red Coleman officiating. Burial followed with Hayes Funeral Home directing. The family requested memorials be made to Hudson Cemetery or to Crossover Ministries in memory of Danny.

Danny was preceded in death by his parents, Alzie Lee Hudson and Giles "Coot" Hudson, along with two sisters, Nellie Holcomb and Annette Simmons.

Survivors include a **daughter and son-in-law**: Shana Hudson Hussey and Daniel Hussey, Banks, Ala.; **granddaughters**: Emily Hussey, Laila Hussey, and Olivia Hussey, all of Banks; **sisters**: Patricia Blanks, Lanett, Ala., Merle McInnis, Ino, Ala.; and a **brother**: Steve Hudson, Elba.

ELIZABETH HUTCHISON

Mrs. Elizabeth Hutchison, age 70, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019, at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held Dec. 7, 2019 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Kenneth Hagler and Rev. Will Ramey officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her **brother**: David Allen "Jimmy" Hutchison, Panama City Beach, Fla.; **nephews**: Scotty (Tim) Cain, Elba, Tom (Tori) Hutchison, Dothan, Ala., Kenneth (Anita) Johnson, Hope Hull, Ala., Tim (Lorinda) Hutchison, Crestview, Fla., Randy Mularz, Montgomery, Ala., Mickey Murden, Panama City, Fla.; **nieces**: Phyllis (David) Sasser, Theresa Miller, and Cindy Brunson, all of Elba, Kathleen (Jeff) Harden, Dunlap, Tenn., Debbie Knight, Montgomery, Ala., Pam (Eric) Ramey, Springville, Ala., and Susan Parrish, Trussville, Ala.

JOHN JOSEPH BURKETT

Mr. John Joseph Burkett, age 70, of Harlingen, Texas, died Monday, Sept. 30, 2019, at his home.

John was born on July 11, 1949, in Elba, Ala., the son of James Frank and Willie Myrle (Goodson) Burkett. He graduated from Elba High School in 1967. John served his country in the National Guard.

Memorial services were held Dec. 6, 2019 at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Elba with Hayes Funeral

Home directing the service. John was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, James and William Burkett; and one sister, Emily Burkett.

Survivors include his **wife**: Karen; three **sons**: Joshua Burkett, Marianna, Fla., Jeremy Burkett (wife Kimberly), Troy, Ala., Jeffery Burkett (wife Nacana), Brundridge, Ala.; four **grandchildren**; his **sister-in-law**: Jane Burkett; four nieces, one nephew, one great niece and one great nephew; along with three **step-children**: Sara, Benjamin and Matthew; and four **step grandchildren**.

RANDAL HUBERT PARKER

Mr. Randal Hubert Parker, age 72, a resident of Opp, Ala., died Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019, at Mount Royal Towers in Birmingham, Ala.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., at 2 p.m., with Rev. Gary Smith officiating. Burial followed in the New Home Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

He was preceded in death by his father, Virgil Parker; along with a sister, Landis Parker Walden.

Survivors include his **mother**: Minnie Ruth Crook, Opp; **daughters**: Tracie (Mark) Stokes, Elba, Tammy Stokes, Enterprise, Ala., and Kellie Parker (Brent) Helms, Southside, Ala.; two **brothers**: Mickey Parker and Jerry (Lela) Parker, both of Opp; two **sisters**: Shirley Richards (Ronnie) Walden, Brundridge, Ala., and Sandra (Wilson) Carroll, Troy, Ala.; a **step sister**: Patsy (Bill) Fuller, Powder Springs, Ga.; and a **step brother**: Danny Flowers, Enterprise.

ERNEST PAUL BELCHER

Mr. Ernest Paul Belcher, age 67, of Rota, Spain, died Monday, Nov. 11, 2019.

Paul was born Nov. 6, 1952 to Grover and Eria (Lindsey) Belcher in Elba, Ala. He graduated from Elba High School in 1970.

Paul honorably served in the U.S. Navy for more than 20 years.

A memorial service was held Friday, Nov. 29, 2019, at Rocky Head Baptist Church in Elba. Services were directed by Coleman Funeral Home. A graveside service will take place at a later date pursuant to the U.S. Navy.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Grover Belcher Jr. Survivors include Juan Serrano Lopez, Rota, Spain; three brothers: Milt (Bettye) Belcher, Montgomery, Ala., Alan Belcher, Elba, Warren Belcher, Montgomery; four

sisters: Ernestine Kelley, Elba, Joyce (Otis) Johnson, Tuscumbia, Ala., Juanita (Wiley) Brooks, Enterprise, Ala., Evelyn (Michael) Manning, Elba; a sister-in-law: Mamie Belcher, Mt. Vernon, NY; a God brother: Robert Edwards, Opp, Ala.; and many other extended family members and friends.

LINDA JEAN RICHARDSON

Mrs. Linda Jean Richardson, age 54, of Elba, Ala., died unexpectedly Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019, at her residence.

Funeral services were held Nov. 24, 2019 at Elba Deliverance Tabernacle Church in Elba with Rev. Alan Richards officiating. Keahey Funeral Home of Andalusia, Ala. was entrusted with arrangements.

Born Nov. 2, 1965, to Cecil Strickland and Betty Lou Fennell, she was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Jonathan Richardson, a sister, Susie Baxley, and a brother, David Strickland.

Survivors include her **husband** of 21 years: Tommy Richardson; **children**: Christina (Jake) Daniels, Midland City, Ala., Amanda Dodd of Texas, Melinda (Pasco) Lindsey, Niceville, Fla., Will Dodd and Sonya Dodd (Luke) Grantham, both of Jack, Jesse (Alyssa) Dodd, Mobile, Ala., Billy (Silenia) Richardson, New Brockton, Ala., Selina (Adam) Martinielli, Elba; **grandchildren**: Emma Parker, Micah Lindsey, Liam Lindsey, Paytlynn Davis, Sophia Davis, Lillian Dodd; **brothers**: Steve (Kim) Strickland, Michael (Crystal) Strickland, Billy Ray Strickland, and George Strickland, all of Enterprise; and **sister**: Lou Ann Matthews, Enterprise.

RANDY LANE HARRISON

Mr. Randy Lane Harrison, age 52, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Dec. 9, 2019, at his home.

Funeral services were held from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019, beginning at 11 a.m., with Rev. Ruby Nell Lawson officiating. Burial followed in the Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Randy was preceded in death by his father, Marvin Dolphus Harrison.

Survivors include his **wife**: April Denise Harrison, Elba; **son**: Marcus Harrison, Elba; **daughters**: Shannon Vaughan, Elba, Amanda Harrison, Enter-

prise, Ala.; **mother**: Jeanette Harrison, New Brockton, Ala.; **sister**: Janna Harrison, New Brockton; and a **brother**: Scotty (Rhonda) Harrison, Midland City, Ala.

IMOGENE DAVIS STOKES

Mrs. Imogene Davis Stokes, age 92, of Andalusia, Ala., died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019, in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held Dec. 7, 2019 at Foreman Funeral Home Chapel in Andalusia with Minister Greg Hanchey officiating. Burial followed in the Andalusia Memorial Cemetery.

Survivors include her **step-daughter**: Linda Hinson, Kinston, Ala.; **step-daughter-in-law**: Linda Stokes, Canal Fulton, Ohio; three **grandchildren**: Lindsey Stokes, Cleveland, Ohio, Lorna Stokes of England, and Brandon Hinson, Augusta, Ga.; one **sister**: Linda Strickland (Jimmy), Enterprise, Ala.; three **sisters-in-law**: Ann Davis, Elba, Ala., Betty Davis, Opp, Ala., and Jeanette Davis, Wicksburg, Ala.

MARIE C. EVANS

Mrs. Marie C. Evans, age 91, died recently at her residence.

Funeral services were held Monday Dec. 4, 2019, at Johns Chapel A M E Church with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Marie Constance Christine Coone Evans was born on March 28, 1928 in Dale County, Ala., one of 11 children born to John Franklin Coon and Coria Blue Coon. She attended public schools in Coffee County, graduating from Coffee County Training School. After college, she taught school in Coffee County.

Marie Christine met Henry Phillip Evans while he was in the U.S. Army stationed at Camp Rucker. They were united in marriage at St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church on July 6, 1952. The couple retired back to Enterprise when Master Sergeant Evans completed his military career.

She was a lifelong learner and returned to college for her Master's degree from Troy University in 1999 at the age of 71. That accomplishment was exactly 50 years after graduating from ASU. She was active in and held various leadership positions in local and regional organizations, and she received numerous awards and citations in recognition of her involvement in the community.

Marie Evans was preceded in death by her mother, father, 10 siblings

and her devoted husband.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, other family members, friends, members of other organizations to which she belonged and numerous others whose life she touched.

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have left a legacy and large shoes to fill and will always be remembered as true servants for the citizens of Coffee County."

Blair added that both Col. Webb and his wife have helped him tremendously since he took over as the 911 board chairman for Coffee County, and he said they continue to be willing to assist from an advisory role.

During Monday's recognition of Col. Webb and Gloria Webb, they each were presented a plaque of appreciation from Coffee County EMA. Also, Col. Webb was presented an award from the Alabama 911 Board.

"This honor is greatly appreciated by both me and my Gloria," Col. Webb said Monday morning at the conclusion of the recognitions. "She was with me all the way. I thank her for putting up with all of this. We appreciate you all and certainly we will continue to see you from time to time and remain friends."

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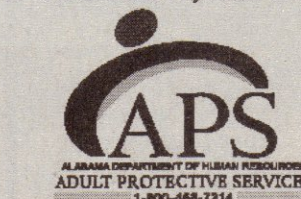
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The Phases of Grief
Grief isn't something you process overnight; in some ways, it's something you may never fully "get over." Rather, grief is a journey, and it can encompass a range of moods and reactions. As you mourn the loss of a loved one, it's important to be prepared for shifting expressions of your grief. To that end, there is a classic, five-stage model that maps out the grief journey. While your personal experience may not totally align with this model, it can nevertheless be a useful tool for charting your feelings. The five classic phases of grief include:
1. Denial. In the denial phase, your grief is so fresh and so raw that you may feel like you're in a state of shock. Those in the denial phase simply want to push forward and try to make it through each day, and they may not spend much time actually thinking about their feelings.
2. Anger. Next comes the anger phase, in which those who have lost a loved one may feel deserted, abandoned by God, or simply resentful over the time they've lost with their loved one. Anger is a good and healthy part of the grieving process.
3. Bargaining. In the bargaining phase, it may be tempting to try to "make a deal" with God or with the universe, hoping you may wake up and find your loved one's death was all a dream. Bargaining is often accompanied by intense feelings of guilt.
4. Depression. A season of melancholy is to be expected from those who grieve. Depression may also feel like profound state of emptiness or meaninglessness.
5. Acceptance. Those who "accept" death may still feel quite sad, and this does not mean their grieving journey is over—but it does mean they have reached a healthy place of truly engaging with their feelings and being honest about how grief has impacted them.
No matter how your own grief journey unfolds, always remember: You are not alone in this season of trial.

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CHURCH NEWS

Pastor's Corner

BY PHILIP BOX, MINISTER
ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Shepherds Story

Why were the Shepherds the first people to find out about the birth of Jesus? And what an amazing way they found out about it!

The Story in the Bible

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, ... Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:8-20

The History behind the Shepherds & Angels in the Story

At that time, sheep farmers were generally seen as having low or little value by other people.

The type of sheep the shepherds would have been raising were 'fat tailed' (or broad tailed) sheep. They often had lambs in the autumn and winter.

The shepherds were quietly getting on with their own business when suddenly an angel appeared to them. I'm not surprised they were afraid!

The angel's words to them told them of Jesus and his amazing birth and how they could recognize him in a very crowded town. The words of the hosts of angels is very similar to the words sung during a sacrifice service in the temple.

This is only the second time in the whole Bible that a group of angels rather than one angel had appeared to people, so this proved that they had a very important message to give to them. We don't know the names of the angels or how many there were of them, but in the Bible, it says that there are millions of angels so it would have been an amazing experience!

A couple of miles outside Bethlehem there was a special watch tower called the Migdal Eder, which means 'The Tower of the Flock'. It's thought that sheep born there were used as sacrifice animals in the Jewish Temple in nearby Jerusalem. According to some sources, the lambs at Migdal Eder had their health checked by resting them in a 'manger' and were even wrapped in swaddling clothes to show they were special! I'm not convinced about Jesus actually 'being born' at 'Migdal Eder' but having those shepherds being the first to be told about Jesus makes a lot of sense.

Having seen the new baby, the Bible says "...they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them." If they were shepherds from Migdal Eder, they could have told the people they saw on the way back to hills, friends and relatives in Bethlehem and Jerusalem, the 'middle class' people they sold sheep to and also the people and priests in the Jewish Temple when they took their best sheep and lambs to be sold there for sacrifices.

They took immediate action and so should we. When we see Jesus, we should make changes in our own life and tell others the Good News! Take some time at this time of year to do just that!

Wreaths Across America event set for Dec. 14th at Bethlehem Baptist Church

Bethlehem Baptist Church, 518 County Rd 421, Elba, will be holding its 2nd Wreaths Across America and Alabama 200th Birthday on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m.

The service will begin with a prayer, and the wreaths then will be placed on the gravesite of each military person recognized. Hosting the event with Bethlehem Baptist Church are Bethne Cowen and Cathy Odom, patriotic activities leader for the Gen.

Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter 2534, and other members.

For more information, call Odom at 897-6298.

Anyone wishing to purchase a wreath for a family member can mail their \$15 check to: Bethlehem Church, c/o Cathy Odom, 668 County Rd. 439, Elba, AL 36323. The checks need to be received [with the name information of the military serviceman] by Dec. 2nd.

All are welcome.

Bethany Baptist Church to present its Christmas program on Dec. 15th

Bethany Baptist Church, located at 1805 County Road 533, New Brockton, invites all to attend the

church's Christmas Pageant "We Bow Down" at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019.

Elba United Methodist Church has special services this month

Elba First United Methodist Church pastor Steve Reneau has released the schedule of special services planned for all Christians during the December Christmas season.

The messages stress Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. All these events take place in the Church sanctuary. Remaining services include:

December 15th at 10 a.m. - Who are Mary and Joseph? - Joy

December 22nd at 10a.m. - Who is Jesus Christ? - Love

December 22nd at 5 p.m. -

The Longest Night - *If you find this season difficult, then join us for this worship experience*

December 24th at 5 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Basin Baptist Church to present Christmas programs on Dec. 15

Basin Baptist Church, located on Hwy 189 S, Elba, will present two Christmas programs Sunday, Dec. 15th.

At 11 a.m., the adult choir will present the Christmas musical "The Song of Bethlehem", and at 5:30 p.m., the children's choir will present its musical play "Random Acts of Christmas".

There will be a finger foods social in the fellowship hall immediately following the children's program Sunday night.

All are invited to attend these special services.

Round and About

With Eria's Daughter
897-3611



Scripture: A Plea for Relief from Persecutors [Psalm 142: 1-7]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

The Belcher Family, Beatrice Belcher, Min. Robert Edwards, Alice Musgrove, The Family of Donella Stickney, Evelyn Belcher Manning, All Believers of God, Ida Hooks, Dea. J.L. Williams

December Birthdays / Anniversaries

John and Christina Nelson 12/19 W.A.

Cordel Hooks 12/20

Kimberly McBride 12/20

Ben and Cynthia Rayborn 12/20 W.A.

Anitra Hammond 12/20

Debbie W. Bright 12/21

Min. Pam Mitchell 12/21

Lou Ella Terrell 12/22 (in memory)

Grover Belcher 12/23 (in memory)

Lucille Hammonds 12/23

Quran Lamortis Warren 12/24

Shane Warren 12/24

Sean Warren 12/24

Tamariah Samuel 12/24

**** Leper**

Jesus touched a Leper. That act was amazing in itself. In those days a leper was considered unclean. He was banished from all contact with humans except for other lepers. The leper was required to shout, "Unclean! Unclean!" everywhere he went, announcing his presence so he could be easily avoided.

In touching this man, Jesus rendered himself ceremonially unclean. Many times we are required to "get our hands dirty" when reaching out to others in compassion. Sometimes it is distasteful. Reaching out to others in compassion often forces us out of our comfort zones. Sometimes it requires us to associate with the outcast.

Jesus touched the leper with life-changing results. We may not be healers of bodies as Christ was. Yet, a touch can often be a part of the healing of one's soul.

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 11/5/19

Q: According to Proverbs 28:7, who shames their parents?

A: Companions of gluttons shame their parents. [read Proverbs 28:7]

Q: In Proverbs 28:8 the sage warns about the impermanence of wealth. Where does Jesus teach a similar message?

A: Jesus teaches a similar message in Matthew 7: 19-21

Thought to Remember

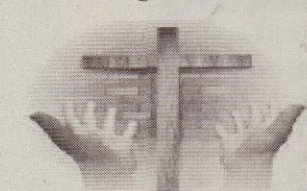
Kind words are like honey, sweet to the soul and healthy for the body

Questions for the Week of 12/12/19

Q: What actions could your church take to convince unbelievers of the power of God's love?

Q: What is Jesus' rule for getting along with others?

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

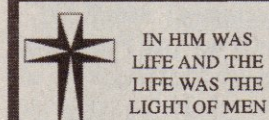


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ABUNDING GRACE CHURCH
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.
Richard Thorn Jr., Pastor
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHLE AME CHURCH
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class ... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train ... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Senn, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METH-ODIST
Rev. Remonia Smith
Church Service ... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night ... 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study ... 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship ... 9:45 a.m.
Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) ... 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Dale Morgan, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Philip Box, Minister
Bible Study ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship ... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night ... 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting .6:30 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning ... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening ... 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH.
Oversers - Bro Billy Berry
Sat. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 4:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHOD-IST CHURCH
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship ... 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting .6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School ... 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Ben Posey, Pastor
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service ... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service ... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Kevin Byrd, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit

Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even. ... 7:30 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE

W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship ... 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening ... 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening ... 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train ... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Services 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METH-ODIST
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study ... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
James Starks Jr., Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed ... 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorearl Flowers, Minister
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPT. CHURCH
Julian Mitchell, Pastor
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE AS-SEMBLY OF GOD - SAM-SON
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship ... 7:00 p.m.

PRAYSE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:30 p.m.

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LIFESTYLES



RIBBON CUTTING HELD FOR MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY AT HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC... On Sunday, Nov. 24, Harris Temple Church of God in Christ dedicated its newly built Multi-Purpose Facility to the service of God and to the building up of the community. As a beacon of light in the Mulberry Heights, church members are excited about the great things that God is doing through them, for the people of God and the people in the community. For years, the Harris Temple Church family pondered ways could enhance the community and the City of Elba through their services. With the vision of the pastor, Supt W.K. Ellison, it was deemed necessary that the church members make it a goal to provide the community with a safe place to not only worship, but also find strength, nourishment, information, and support both with spiritual needs and also physical needs. It is the prayer of the church membership that with this new addition, they can enhance the lives of people everywhere through their Love and Service, not only to God but also to his people!



FREE TURKEYS! Last Wednesday, Dec. 4, employees of SECAP [Southeast Alabama Community Action Partnership] were handing out free turkeys at the SECAP office in Elba. SECAP was formerly known as HRDC. A total of 400 turkeys were donated by Southland Broilers to SECAP, and the turkeys were distributed between Elba, Enterprise and Geneva County. Shown above holding some of the free turkeys are Elba SECAP office representatives (from left) Dottie Stricklin, Martha Drewery, and Hattie White.



Voting delegates elected members to the Alabama Farmers Federation Board of Directors at a business session during the organization's 98th annual meeting in Montgomery. Front row, from left are Secretary-Treasurer Steve Dunn of Conecuh County; Southwest Area Vice President Jake Harper of Wilcox County; Central Area Vice President Jon Hegeman of Calhoun County; and State Women's Leadership Committee Chairman Kathy Gordon of Montgomery County. Back row is State Young Farmers Committee Chairman Jonathan Sanders of Coffee County; District 2 Director Mark Byrd of Morgan County; District 5 Director Joe Anders of Tuscaloosa County; District 8 Director Jimmy Holliman of Dallas County; and District 11 Director Mark Kaiser of Baldwin County.

Alabama Farmers Federation elects leadership team

Written by Debra Davis

Alabama Farmers Federation leaders were elected at the organization's 98th annual meeting in Montgomery Dec. 9.

Conecuh County's Steve Dunn, a row crop and cattle farmer, was reelected secretary-treasurer of the state's largest farm organization.

Calhoun County's Jon Hegeman was elected Central Area vice president, and Jake Harper of Wilcox County was reelected Southwest Area vice president.

Elections were held during the Federation's business session where almost 500 voting delegates from all 67 counties chose officers and directors. Officers

serve two-year terms.

Morgan County poultry and row crop farmer Mark Byrd was elected to the District 2 seat, which includes Limestone, Madison and Morgan counties.

Tuscaloosa County row crop farmer Joe Anders was reelected District 5 director. He serves Bibb, Fayette, Jefferson, Lamar and Tuscaloosa counties.

Dallas County cattleman Jimmy Holliman was elected director of District 8, which includes Choctaw, Dallas, Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, Pickens and Sumter counties.

Baldwin County cattle and row crop farmer Mark Kaiser was elected District 11 director. He represents

Baldwin, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia, Mobile, Monroe and Washington counties.

Elected to one-year, ex-officio terms on the state board were Women's Leadership Committee Chairman Kathy Gordon of Montgomery County and State Young Farmers Committee Chairman Jonathan Sanders of

Elba and Zion Chapel schools both win Best Hustle Award for FAFSA completion

Alabama Possible, a statewide nonprofit that breaks down barriers to prosperity, this week announced that two Coffee County schools will receive the Best Hustle Award for successfully improving its early Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion by at least 10 percent from October 1 to December 1, 2019.

This year, 120 Alabama high schools earned this recognition, including: **Elba High School**, which increased completion by 11 percent; and **Zion Chapel High School**, which increased completion by 34 percent.

All the schools participate in the Cash for College Alabama campaign coordinated by Alabama Possible. Cash for College works with school counselors, career coaches, and other educators at high schools across the state to equip students to continue their education after high school by completing their financial aid form.

More than 340 Alabama high schools participate in the Cash for College campaign. By December 1, 2019, nearly 12,000 Alabama high school seniors had already completed the FAFSA, up .17 percent compared to last year.

"It's crucial that high school seniors fill out the FAFSA as early as possible to maximize their financial aid," said Kristina Scott, executive director of Alabama Possible. "We are excited for all the schools that have received the Best Hustle Award and congratulate them on their success in encouraging early FAFSA completion among students."

Any student seeking federal or state financial aid — including grants, loans, and work-study programs — must complete the FAFSA. Most Alabama students qualify for Pell Grants of up to \$6,195 per year. Students can use Pell Grants for two-year and four-year technical

Pine Level Sr. Center's Christmas Party moved to 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12; Seniors invited to come

The Pine Level Senior Citizens Center invites all seniors to attend a Christmas Party to be held Thursday, Dec. 12, at the center. Games and Christmas Carols will begin at 2 p.m. Anyone age 60 and older is welcome.

The Pine Level Senior Citizens Center is located at 63 County Road 355, Elba [in the Pine Level Community]. Debbie Pearce is

the center's director.

For more information, call 897-2621.

RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE PICKUP REMINDERS FROM THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION:

Coffee County Environmental Services officials have announced that during the week of Christmas the normal Wednesday route will shift to Thursday [Dec. 26], and the Thursday route will shift to Friday [Dec. 27] with no pickups on Christmas Day, Dec. 25th.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson went with his Nanny over to Enterprise over the weekend to see the Grinch and enjoy a couple of hours playing in the park and shopping for gifts for his Mom. He was tired when the long day finally ended, but he admitted he had a good time and was ready to head back out sometime soon.

For what it is worth....

***** Tigers win opener....** The Elba Tigers tipped off their basketball season last week with a 53-42 win over New Brockton. The Tigers pulled ahead early and appeared ready to blow their cross county rivals off the court, but suffered some early-season struggles at times on both ends of the court and allowed the Gamecocks to rally before they finally put away the pesky Gamecocks for good. It wasn't always pretty, but it was the first game and the Tigers did show they had plenty of quickness and weren't afraid to run and shoot three pointers. It will be a challenge at times, but look for the Tigers to be just fine as they get actual game experience under their belts.

***** Lady Tigers on a roll....** The Elba Lady Tigers rolled three straight wins and upped their record to 4-1. The Lady Tigers held their three victims to a total of only 63 points in the three games, and displayed quickness on defense that was the key in all three wins. The Lady Tigers have a balance of height, quickness and good shooters, and if they will continue to work hard and improve they could be headed for a banner season.

***** Area basketball notes....** It was a busy week for the teams in the area and even though Zion Chapel was the only team to claim a win, both Kinston and New Brockton showed signs of growth.

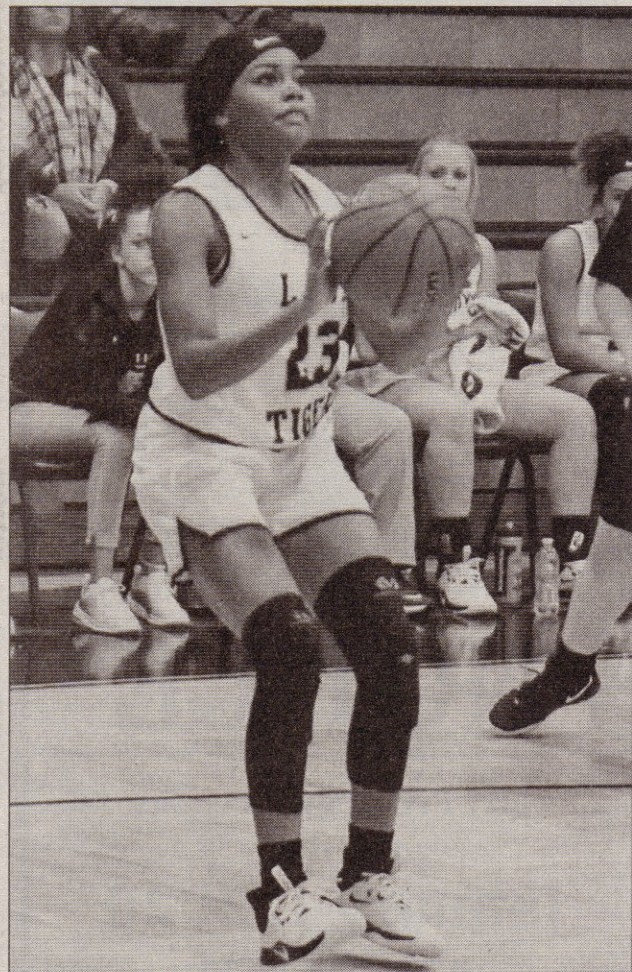
**** Zion Chapel** surprised Pleasant Home at home and has won two straight games after going 0-3 in a tournament in Arifton and plays as hard as any team around, while the Lady Rebels have won two of their last four games and appear ready to return to their winning ways of years past.

**** New Brockton** remained winless in both boys and girls action, but the Gamecocks did show some pride and desire in a loss to Elba and are a well-coached team that will find its way to the winners circle before long, while the youthful Lady Gamecocks appear to be in for a long season due to their youth and inexperience, but do play hard.

**** Kinston** remained winless in boys action as the Bulldogs are still trying to put the pieces together in a busy early-season schedule as they look ahead to area play, while the Lady Bulldogs are off to a 3-2 start and last week claimed a big win over state 2A power Samson to open the eyes of their upcoming opponents.

***** On to college football....** There were a number of coaching signings last week, and while the biggest news was the "Lane Train" heading to Ole Miss with the signing of Lane Kiffin, the one that caught my eye was Greg Schiano heading back to Rutgers. The former coach at the school signed for \$32 million over eight years, and since his teams went 68-67 in his stay from 2001-2011, the big contact seemed kind of crazy. Schiano posted an 11-21 record after leaving Rutgers for a short stay in the NFL, and now that Rutgers is in the Big Ten its schedule will be much harder than it was during his previous stay. Coach's salaries in college are completely out of control!

***** Polish Prognosticator....** Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator didn't find the time to drop by over the weekend, but the local guesspert did hit on six of his seven playoff picks last week to end the season with a 335-82 slate. Not to shabby a season for our own fearless forecaster!



Elba Lady Tiger Freeda Hooks (23) eyes a shot from the corner. Hooks scored 11 points last week in the Lady Tigers big 55-6 win over New Brockton.

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Drop New Brockton**Elba Tigers win opener 53-42**

The Elba Tigers went on a 20-0 second half run to take command as they tipped off the basketball season with a 53-42 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks, Thursday night at the Elba High gym.

Elba jumped out to an early 4-0 lead on a basket by Seth Ware, and while New Brockton closed the lead to 4-3 on a 3-pointer by Tariq Walker with 4:54 left in the opening period, the Tigers quickly regained command and rode the 3-point shooting of Ware and Collin Harrison to grab a 12-3 lead heading into the second quarter.

Seth Ware drained his second 3-pointer of the night early in the second quarter to push the Tigers lead to 15-3 and the Tigers lead remained in double digits as a layup by John Martin Wilson put Elba on top 24-14 with 54-seconds remaining on the clock. New Brockton hit 3 of 4 free throws to cut into the Elba lead and then pulled within 24-20 just before the half on a long 3-pointer by Dalton Shehee.

The Gamecocks took their first lead of the game at 25-24 early in the third quarter on another 3-pointer by Shehee, and when Shehee drained his third 3-pointer of the night with 4:01 left in the stanza the Gamecocks were still on top 32-31.

Elba regained the lead at 33-32 on a pair of free throws by Seth Ware, and sparked by the play of Dylan Caldwell and Chrystyle Caldwell, the Tigers went on a 20-0 run over the game's next ten minutes to open up a big 51-32 advantage with only 2:27 remaining in the fourth quarter. New Brockton never quit and scored the last eight points of the game, but it was too little, too late, as Elba claimed the 53-42 season opening win.

Seth Ware scored 15 points and Collin Harrison



Elba Tiger Seth Ware (4) drives to the basket for an easy two-pointer in last week's 53-42 win over New Brockton. Ware scored 15 points to lead the Tigers to the season-opening win.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

added 12 to lead Elba, while Dalton Shehee scored a game high 17 points for the Gamecocks and Tariq Walker added 16.

Elba (53): Lane 3, Harrison 12, Ware 15, Burks 2, Wilson 4, C. Caldwell 9, D.

Caldwell 3.

N.B. (42): Shehee 17, Wilkerson 2, Walker 16, Kelty 4, Undley 3.

(JV Game)

The Elba Tigers jumped out to an early lead and held

on late to survive with a 34-31 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks.

Elba (34): Thomas 6, Washington 14, Hill 7, Peterson 2, Merck 2, Harrison 3.

N.B. (31): Smith 16, Green 1, Adkinson 14.

Up record to 4-1**Elba Lady Tigers are on a roll**

The Elba Lady Tigers enjoyed a busy week on the basketball court and as they claimed three impressive wins to improve their record to 4-1.

Following are highlights of all three wins:

Elba 55 New Brockton 6

The Elba Lady Tigers raced out to a 32-0 lead and never looked back in a lopsided 55-6 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks.

Freeda Hooks poured in 10 first quarter points to help the Lady Tigers open up a 26-0 lead, while Nina Williams sparked a second quarter drive that enabled Elba to carry a 35-4 lead in at the half. Melissa Williams scored four points in the third quarter as the Lady Tigers lead grew to 49-6, and Elba outscored New Brockton 6-0 in the final stanza to post the 55-6 win.

Freeda Hooks and Nina Williams scored 11 points, apiece, to lead Elba, while Silas led New Brockton with 4 points.

Elba (55): Baker 8, A. Chism 3, N. Williams 11, U. Chism 3, M. Williams 9, Sanders 3, Flowers 2, Edwards 5, Hooks 11.

N.B. (6): Silas 4, Sprinkle 2.

Elba 46 Houston Co. 29

The Elba Lady Tigers used a 21-0 second half run to take command as they defeated the Houston County Lady Lions 46-29.

Elba got inside easy and totally dominated the glass in the opening quarter against the shorter Lady

Lions, but Melissa Williams was the only Lady Tiger to score points in the period as her eight points were just enough to put Elba on top 8-7.

Elba was on top 10-9 with 6:33 left in the second quarter after a basket by Darnajah Flowers, but Houston County went on a 5-0 run to grab a 14-10 lead and then hit two late 3-pointers as the Lady Lions carried a 20-15 lead in at the half.

Elba's Breanna Sanders sparked an early 7-0 third quarter run that put the Lady Tigers on top 22-20, and while Houston County pulled even at 22-20, the Lady Tigers Jaylin Baker and Freeda Hooks sparked a 15-0 run that put Elba on top 37-22 heading into the fourth quarter.

A basket by Nina Williams with 6:19 left on the clock completed the 21-0 run with 6:19 left in the final stanza and put the Lady Tigers on top 43-22, and Elba emptied the bench as it claimed the 46-29 win.

Melissa Williams scored 19 points and Jaylin Baker added 14 to lead Elba, while Faith Hogan led Houston County with 11 points.

Elba (46): Baker 14, N. Williams 3, M. Williams 19, Flowers 5, Edwards 1, Hooks 4.

H.C. (29): H. Hogan 9, F. Hogan 11, Smith 2, Rivers 7.

Elba 37 Carroll 29

The Elba Lady Tigers never trailed in an impressive 37-29 win over the Carroll Lady Eagles.

Elba's Breanna Sanders

and Jaylin Baker both blocked two shots in the opening quarter to spark the defense and Sanders also drained a long 3-pointer with 4:37 remaining in the stanza as the Lady Tigers bolted out to an early 9-0 lead.

Carroll rallied late in the quarter to pull within 9-8 and caught Elba at 11-11 early in the second quarter, but Melissa Williams sparked a 7-0 Elba run midway through the stanza that put the Lady Tigers on top 18-11, and Elba carried an 18-13 advantage in at the half.

Carroll caught the Lady Tigers again at 19-19 midway through the third quarter, and the score was still tied at 22-22 late in the

quarter. However, Freeda Hooks nailed a 3-pointer at the buzzer to put Elba back ahead 25-22, and the Lady Tigers opened the fourth quarter with a 6-0 run to open up a 31-22 lead.

Carroll cut the lead to six points at 33-27 with 2:34 left in the game, but the Lady Tigers never lost command and posted the 37-29 win.

Nina Williams scored 13 points and Melissa Williams added 12 to lead Elba, while Ameisha Gray scored 12 to lead Carroll.

Elba (37): Baker 2, N. Williams 13, Sanders 6, M. Williams 12, Edwards 1, Hooks 3.

Carroll (29): Carson 6, Jones 2, Condrey 7, McIntosh 2, Gray 12.



PARKER WEEKS KILLS HIS FIRST DEER...Parker Weeks, age 8, of Kinston, Ala., killed this spike buck Saturday, Dec. 7, while hunting with his dad and brothers. He is the son of Anthony and Kaliegh Weeks of Kinston.

SPORTS NEWS



Kinston Lady Bulldog Kelsi Cardwell (3) drives between two Pleasant Home defenders in last week's 35-31 loss.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)



Zion Chapel Lady Rebel Janna Miles (32) drives to the basket. Miles scored 23 points in the Lady Rebels 41-21 win over McKenzie.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



New Brockton Lady Gamecock blocks out Elba Lady Tiger Zhandria Siler (25) during last week's cross-county basketball battle.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

High School ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

BOYS:

New Brockton clawed by Eagles 44-37

The New Brockton Gamecocks battled for all four quarters in a 44-37 loss to the Pleasant Home Eagles. The Gamecocks, which hit only 9 of 30 free throw opportunities, were led by Dillon Kelty with 16 points, 5 rebounds and 3 steals, while Tariq Walker added 12 points and 4 rebounds. Jacob Price scored 13 points and grabbed 7 rebounds to lead the Eagles.

Kinston Bulldogs edged by Eagles 56-49

The Kinston Bulldogs saw a furious fourth quarter rally fall short in a hard fought 56-49 loss to the Pleasant Home Eagles. Kinston trailed 43-33 heading into the fourth quarter, but led by the scoring punch of Ayden Wallace and Logan Matthews used an 8-0 run to cut the deficit to 43-41 early in the final stanza. The Eagles regained command and upped its lead to 50-41 with 3:31 remaining; however, and the Bulldogs converted only 4 of 8 free throw chances late as Pleasant Home held on for the 56-49 win. Ayden Wallace scored 24 points and Logan Matthews added 12 to lead Kinston, while Mason Anderson and Drew Wood both scored 20 points to lead the Eagles.

Kinston Bulldogs slammed by Samson 72-54

The Kinston Bulldogs remained winless in early-season action with a 72-54 loss to the Samson Tigers. Ayden Wallace scored 18 points and Cale Sumblin added 14 to lead the Bulldogs, while Braxton Brooks poured in 30 points to lead the Tigers.

Zion Chapel stuns Pleasant Home in OT 62-55

The Zion Chapel Rebels rallied in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime and then connected on 12 of 22 free throws in the extra period to claim an impressive 62-55 win over the Pleasant Home Eagles. The Rebels trailed 14-11 after one quarter, 22-16 at the half and 33-29 after three quarters, but 3-pointers by Billy Heap and Joey McCrary and clutch free throw shooting enabled the Rebels to catch the Eagles at 48-48 at the end of intermission. The Rebels made a parade to the foul line in the extra period and never trailed as they pulled off the 62-55 upset win. Brady Cobb scored 19 points and Conner Kelley added 11 to lead Zion Chapel, while Mason Anderson scored 15 points to lead the Eagles.

GIRLS:

Zion Chapel Lady Rebels rip McKenzie 41-21

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels made it look easy in a 41-21 win over McKenzie. Janna Miles scored 23 points and Alexis Barker added 16 to lead the Lady Rebels.

Brockton ripped by Lady Eagles 55-17

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fell behind early and never recovered in a 55-17 loss to Pleasant Home. Madison Weeks scored 8 points and Paula McKenna added 5 to lead the Lady Gamecocks.

Lady Bulldogs shock Lady Tigers 35-30

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs continued their early season success with an impressive 35-30 win over Samson. Courtney Lunsford scored 14 points and Addison Musgrove added 11 to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Brantley Edbert scored 10 points to lead Samson.

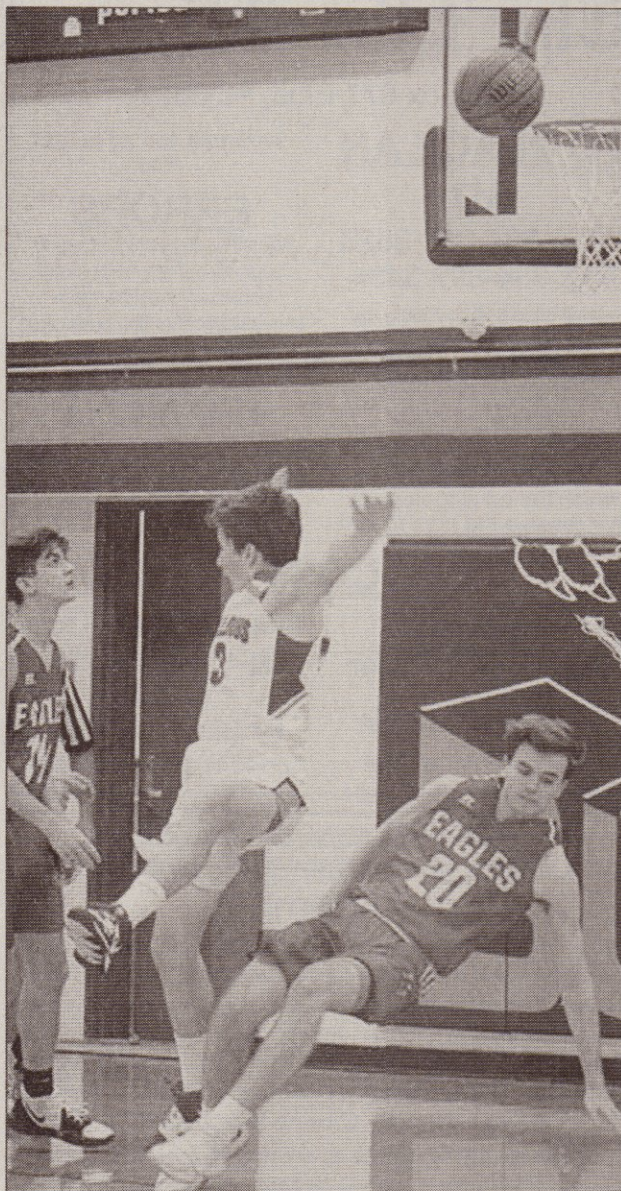
Zion Chapel falls to Pleasant Home 46-26

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fell behind early and never recovered in a 46-26 loss to the Pleasant Home Lady Eagles. The Lady Rebels led 2-1 early after two free throws by Janna Miles, but never led again as the Lady Eagles opened up a 17-5 lead by the end of the quarter and rolled to the 46-26 win. Janna Miles scored 9 points and Alanah Bunce added 7 to lead Zion Chapel, while Ally Garner led the Lady Eagles with 20 points.

Lady Bulldogs clawed by Lady Eagles 35-31

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs led by one point late in the fourth quarter, but watched as Pleasant Home scored the final six points of the game and escaped with a 35-31 win, in a battle of 1A unbeaten. Kinston turned a 17-15 halftime deficit into a 21-20 lead heading into the final quarter, and was still on top 31-30 with 3:19 remaining on the clock after a basket by Courtney Lunsford. However, the Bulldogs failed to find their way back to the basket and the Lady Eagles hit 3 of 4 free throws in the closing seconds to claim the exciting 35-31 win. Faith Peters scored 10 points and Courtney Lunsford added 9 to lead Kinston, while Hope Gunter scored 9 points to lead the Lady Eagles.

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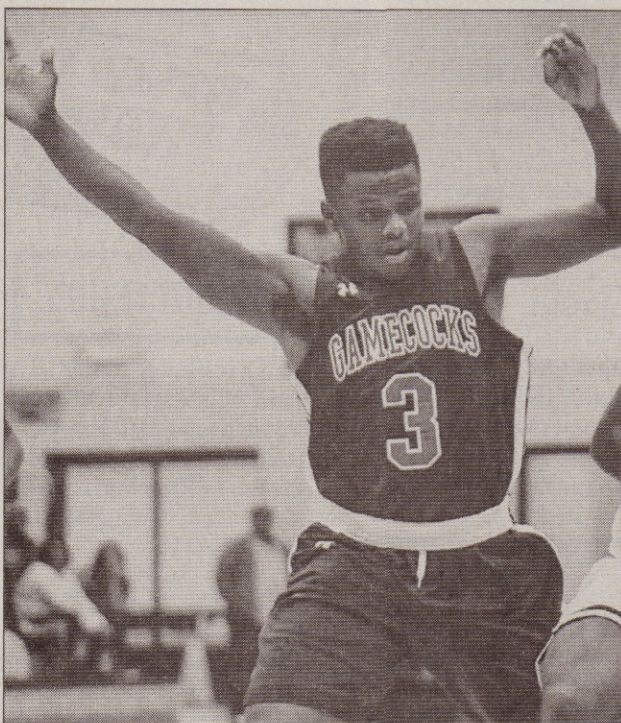
Kinston Bulldog Reece Hall (3) throws up a shot at the basket after being fouled in last week's 56-49 loss to Pleasant Home.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)



Zion Chapel Rebel Brady Cobb (10) eyes a 3-pointer from the corner in last week's 62-55 win over Pleasant Home.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



New Brockton Gamecock CJ Wilkerson (3) blocks the path to the goal in last week's 53-42 loss to Elba.

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On January 4, Jatin Patel will present a program on birds of prey. Patel will bring his hawk so attendees can get a first hand look at these raptors. Dr. Gary Manfreedy will be back to conduct the Bluebird workshop on Saturday, January 11. Featuring new and updated information based on findings regarding bluebird populations in recent years. Dr. Manfreedy is a member of the North American Bluebird Society and has contributed articles for publication in their quarterly journal. He currently maintains four bluebird trails in Houston and Dale County including the one at Landmark Park and has a total of 75 boxes. His main focus is on population numbers and successful fledgling numbers in diverse environmental habitats. On January 25, Fred Bassett will return to present the popular program on Hummingbirds. Bassett is a

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/s/ Steven E Blair

Probate Judge

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This group of youngsters and coaches enjoyed a fun-filled season of soccer this fall in Elba. The group met from September through November and enjoyed learning the game and playing in scrimmages each meeting. The soccer season was sponsored by Elba Parks and Recreation.

Elba hosts soccer season for youngsters as sport interest is growing locally

Youngsters in Elba recently completed a fun season of soccer!

The Elba Youth soccer group met Mondays and Thursdays from September through November, and Head Coach Diana Farrell White said this was the first year for most on the team to play soccer. She said the group included Elba Elementary students [ages 5-12] and one New Brockton Elementary student.

White was assisted in coaching by Jason Mitchell and Rolando Vargas.

"Soccer is still considered a new and unknown sport in the Elba community," Coach White said. "Yet, it is the world's most popular sport – known as futbol."

She said soccer is an easy "pick up" game played in neighborhoods, and it is a well-followed organized sport in universities, professional teams, national teams with an avid audience of millions in arenas and via televised games.

"Soccer is one of the greatest sports for exercise due to the extreme amount



Youngsters participating in Elba's 2019 soccer season are shown enjoying a scrimmage during their last gathering in November. The group began meeting in September when temperatures were nearly 100 degrees and finished in November with nearly freezing temps, but regardless of how hot or cold it was outside, the youngsters had lots of fun learning the game.

of running," White said. "Our group began the season when it was 100 degrees outside and ended the season with close to freezing temperatures!"

The youngsters in Elba played in the outfield of Legion Field, located on the Troy Highway in Elba.

White said the group learned the game and played scrimmages against each other based on how many and who all showed up each meeting.

She said the season was lots of fun for all those who participated, and most importantly, new friendships

were formed.

The soccer season was sponsored by the City of Elba's Parks and Recreation Department. Soccer is a fall sport in Elba.

Currently, Elba Parks and Recreation is prepping for the youth basketball season.

ALEA urges motorists to prepare for wintry weather, drive with caution

Alabama weather can change – from warm and sunny to cold and icy – overnight.

To be safe, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) urges motorists to be prepared, particularly when the forecast calls for wintry precipitation, and to use extreme caution when faced with icy roadways and other hazardous driving conditions.

If at all possible, motorists should avoid driving; but ALEA offers the following traffic safety tips for those who must travel in such weather:

- Monitor local news for information on weather conditions and travel advisories, and check road conditions at <https://algotraffic.com/>.

- Report traffic crashes or other emergencies by calling 911 or using a cell phone to dial *HP (*47) to reach the nearest Highway Patrol post.

- Remain alert for emergency vehicles, and remember to obey Alabama's "move over" law.

- Keep vehicles in good operating condition. Check antifreeze levels, use wind-

shield washer solution suitable for freezing weather conditions and keep gas tanks at least half full.

- Remember weather and roadway conditions can deteriorate quickly. Adapt speeds to existing roadway conditions, and be alert to changing weather and the possibility of icy and slippery roads.

- During inclement weather, turn on headlights and windshield wipers, and maintain a safe distance between your vehicle and other vehicles.

- Pay attention to bridges and overpasses, which have a tendency to develop hazardous "black ice."

- Keep blankets, first aid kit, charged cell phone and other emergency supplies in your vehicle.

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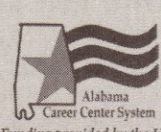
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ALEA Troopers investigated 11 traffic deaths during 2019 Thanksgiving holiday travel period last month

Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) investigated 11 traffic deaths during the Thanksgiving holiday travel period, from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, to midnight Sunday, Dec. 1.

These fatal crashes occurred in Baldwin, Cherokee, Escambia, Hale, Madison, Morgan, St. Clair

and Wilcox counties. Two pedestrians and a motorcyclist were among those killed. The other eight individuals killed were traveling in vehicles equipped with seat belts. Of those six drivers and two passengers, two were using seat belts and four were not. Seat belt usage is unknown for two of the individuals.

During the same extended

holiday in 2018, Troopers investigated seven traffic deaths.

Although the 2019 Thanksgiving period total is higher than the previous year, Troopers have worked 20 fewer traffic fatalities this year than the same date in 2018. They urge motorists to drive with caution, particularly as the holiday season continues.

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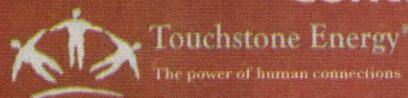


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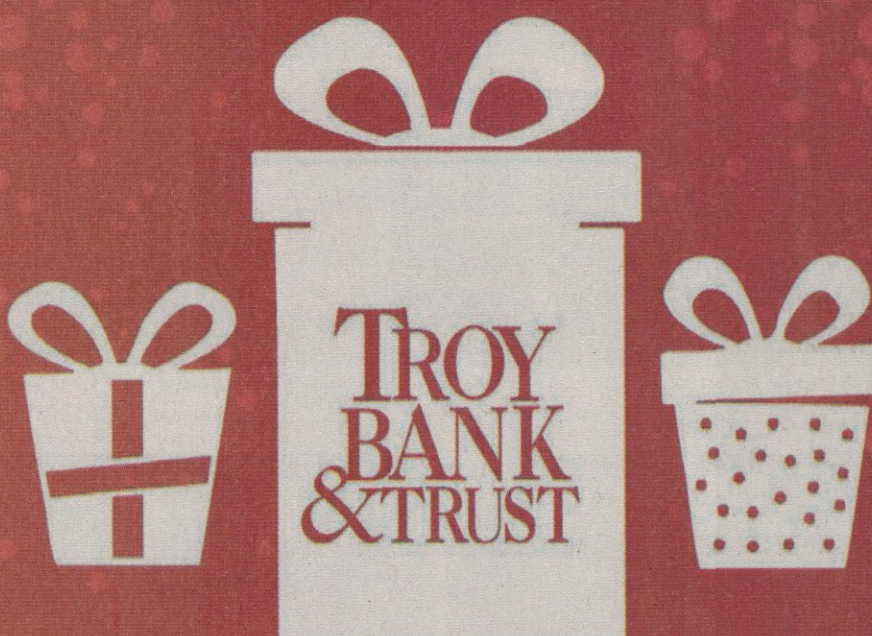
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SPECIAL AWARD...Members of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department presented a special award to Fire Chief Drew Parker (left) thanking him for his vision and dedication to provide the department with top notch equipment. Pictured above with Parker is Firefighter Josh Mack.



MANNING RECEIVES TWO AWARD...Elba firefighter Johnny Manning (right) received two awards Monday night during the Elba Fire Department's annual Christmas party. Manning received the "Most Calls Award" and the Chief's Award. Pictured with Manning is Fire Chief Drew Parker.



SERVICE AWARD...Elba firefighter Jonathon Farmer received the 10 Year Service Award during the Elba Fire Department's annual Christmas party held Monday night, Dec. 9, at the department. Pictured with Farmer is Elba Fire Chief Drew Parker.

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Seniors age 60 and older encouraged to join fun at Elba Senior Citizens Center. The Elba Senior Citizens Center encourages all seniors – age 60 and older – to join the center for lots of fun, activities and more.

Along with nutritious meals 5-days-per-week, the director works with seniors to help them apply for several programs they may qualify for, including: Farmers Market Vouchers, HRDC- Energy Assistance, Food Assistance, Medicaid Waiver, Senior Rx Program, Medicare Savings Program, etc. A senior must be an active participant at the Elba Senior center for the director to sign up for programs that they may qualify for to receive assistance.

This is a social place to come have fun and find or make new friends. If interested in joining, stop by or call 897-3019. The Center is located at 304 N. Factory Ave., Elba. Also, seniors age 60 and older that cannot come to the center may qualify for meals being brought to home. Contact Donna Falls, Elba Senior Center director, for more information.



TRAINING AWARD...Elba firefighter George Homyak received the Training Award during the Elba Fire Department's annual Christmas party held Monday night, Dec. 9, at the department. Pictured with Homyak is Elba Fire Chief Drew Parker.

ADPH and ADMH partner to break the cycle of stigma

The Alabama Department of Public Health and the Alabama Department of Mental Health launch a statewide campaign, Stop Judging. Start Healing., aimed at assisting friends, family, physicians, mental health care clinicians, substance abuse prevention and treatment providers and all people in Alabama to change the way we speak about individuals with mental health illness, substance and opioid use disorders, HIV and Hepatitis C.

The language we use can

be hurtful and harming to the people we care about. Using words that help and support others is important. Decreasing stigma surrounding mental health illnesses, substance and opioid use disorders and HIV and Hepatitis C is vital to ensuring accurate information is shared with those we love and care for. "People with these conditions often fear that others are blaming or judging them," State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris said. "These conditions are manageable, and so it is important for

everyone to understand that irrational fear creates barriers to people seeking and receiving care. Compassion helps break these barriers. Everyone deserves dignity, compassion and support." The campaign encourages the public to have open conversations to break the cycle of stigma by sharing kindness and understanding. Changing the way we talk changes people, and the words providers and families use are powerful.

"The stigma that surrounds mental illness and substance use disorder is the number one barrier to treatment and recovery. We must learn how to speak in positive terms, support our friends and family, and offer appropriate resources to people who need our help," said Commissioner Lynn Beshear, Alabama Department of Mental Health.

"Partnering with the Alabama Department of Public Health is the right, next step in the movement to educate practitioners, providers and the people of Alabama, in decreasing the stigma surrounding diseases that affect the mind and body. Support for total health is necessary for the well-being of an individual," Commissioner Beshear continued.

The statewide campaign consists of television, social media and radio advertisements, with a targeted delivery of information to medical professionals to increase awareness of the importance of the use of people first language.

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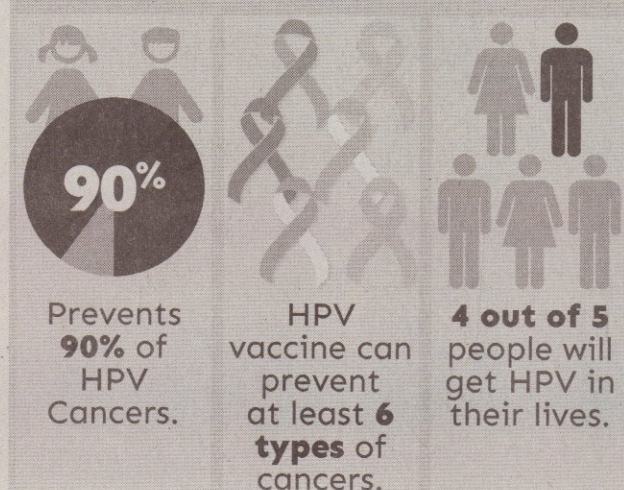
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